

Species C: FIG. 21.

Applicants' Response

Applicants hereby elect without traverse Species A, which corresponds to FIGS. 1-13 and 20. Applicants have identified claims 1-8, 13, 15-16, and 18-28 as corresponding to the elected species. However, applicants also respectfully submit that independent claims 1 and 18 also are generic to Species B. Accordingly, applicants request that, upon allowance of generic claim 1, claims 9-12, 14 and 17, which depend therefrom, be rejoined in this application.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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